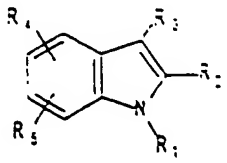
VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES OF CLAIMS 1 AND 2 AS AMENDED

1. (amended) A method for inhibiting the growth of neoplastic cells sensitive to the compounds of formula I comprising exposing the cells to a growth inhibiting effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



(I)

wherein R_1 to R_3 each represent[;

(1) a hydrogen atom, or

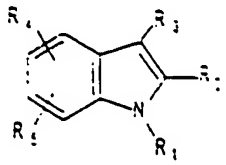
(2) a lower alkyl group, a lower alkylthio group, or a lower alkoxy-lower alkyl group,

(3)] a lower alkyl group, an oxy group, an oxy-lower alkyl group, a lower alkyloxy group, a carbonyl group, a lower alkenyl group, an optionally-substituted imino group, a lower alkylimino group optionally substituted at its nitrogen atom, a thio-lower alkyl group, or a lower alkylthio group; to each group [in 3)], bonded is an aryl group or a heterocyclic group, or each group [in 3)] is substituted by an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; and said aryl or heterocyclic group may be further substituted by any of a halogen atom, a nitro group, a lower alkylamino group, an acylamino group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halo-lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, or an aryl, heterocyclic, aryl-lower alkyl, heterocyclic-lower alkyl, aryl-lower alkyloxy, heterocyclic-lower alkyloxy, aryl-lower alkenyl or heterocyclic-lower alkenyl group optionally substituted by any of a halogen atom or a lower alkyl group,
with the proviso that R_1 to R_3 are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom or lower alkyl;

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, an esterified carboxyl group, or an amidated carboxyl group.

2 (amended). A method of treating a mammal having precancerous lesions sensitive to the compounds of formula I comprising administering to said mammal a pharmacologically effective amount of a compound of Formula I:



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REMARKS

This case is a divisional from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/199,860 where an Examiner's Amendment was made to claims 1 and 2 canceling portions of the claim. This case is filed to prosecute those portions of claims 1 and 2.

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Respectfully submitted,

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